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SUBJECT: OPEC OIL AND GAS TANKER FLEETS

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1. ALGERIAN PRESS RECENTLY ANNOUNCED PURCHASE OF THREE NEW TANKERS. FIRST, CHRISTENED "AIN SEFRA", IS 140,000 TON CRUDE CARRIER AND WAS DELIVERED END OF NOVEMBER. OTHER TWO ARE BOTH 32,000 TON REFINED PRODUCTS CARRIERS, SO FAR UNNAMED, TO BE DELIVERED END 1976 AND BEGINNING 1977. COST OF "AIN SEFRA" \$16.9 MILLION; COST OF EACH PRODUCT CARRIER \$14 MILLION. TERMS OF PAYMENT: TEN PERCENT DOWN, BALANCE PAYABLE OVER TEN YEARS, WITH TWO YEAR GRACE, AT EIGHT PERCENT.

2. PURCHASE MAKES TOTAL FIVE NEW TANKERS TO BE DELIVERED TO COMPAGNIE NATIONALE ALGERIENNE DE NAVIGATION (CNAN) END 1976 AND BEGINNING 1977. (TWO OTHER 32,000 TON REFINED PRODUCT CARRIERS, "BETHIOUA" AND "BEJAIA", PURCHASED EARLIER, ARE TO BE DELIVERED THIS MONTH.)

3. EMBASSY INFORMED BY CNAN OFFICIAL THAT "AIN SEFRA" PURCHASED IN SWEDEN, AT GOTAVERGUE. APPARENTLY IT HAD MADE ONE VOYAGE UNDER PREVIOUS OWNER (UNNAMED) PRIOR TO BEING SOLD TO CNAN.

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AT LEAST TWO, AND POSSIBLY ALL FOUR (CNAN OFFICIAL

SOMEWHAT VAGUE ABOUT THIS), OF THE PRODUCT CARRIERS
WERE BOUGHT ALSO IN SWEDEN, AT OSKARSHAMN.

4. AFTER DELIVERIES, TOTAL CNAN TANKER CAPACITY
WILL BE 639,000 TONS CRUDE CARRIERS AND 172,500 TONS
PRODUCT CARRIERS, AS FOLLOLS:

CRUDE CARRIERS

"HASSI MESSAOUD"	50,000 TONS
"GASSI TOUIL"	45,000 TONS
"AIN AMENAS"	139,000 TONS
"AIN SALAH"	125,000 TONS
"AIN NEHALA"	140,000 TONS
"AIN SEFRA"	140,000 TONS

PRODUCT CARRIERS

"SKIKDA"	22,250 TONS
"ARZEW"	22,250 TONS
"BETHIOUA"	32,000 TONS
"BEJAIA"	32,000 TONS
UNNAMED	32,000 TONS
UNNAMED	32,000 TONS. PARKER

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